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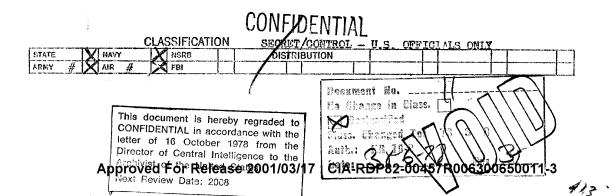
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Location: A new underground ammunition factory is being constructed on the south bank of the Sazava (Sazawa) river between Kamenny Privoz (050/136) and Krhanice (Krhanitz - 050/186) on the other side of the river from and opposite the tuberculosis sanatorium at Prosecuice (050/186). The factory will cover an area two kilometers wide and six to eight kilometers long following the curve of the river. The factory is between the river and Lesany which is near Benesov (Beneschau - 050/195).

- Installation: The factory, which was started in March 1950, will probably consist of two large underground halls and several auxiliary stores and buildings. The main part of the installation will be directly in front of the sanatorium at Prosecnice. It is planned that the entire factory will be camouflaged by trees to be planted over the underground structure.
- Construction: It is reported that the amminition factory is a branch of the former firm Sellier and Bellot at Vlasim (050/Mlh)\*. The Gzechoslovak Building Enterprise in Prague directs the construction work and a large part of the underground excavation has already been completed. It was from the Gzechoslovak Building Enterprise workers that source learned the altimate purpose of the underground construction. Work is being pushed in order to complete the installation by next year. Besides the Czechoslovak Building Enterprise workers who do the actual building (operate compressors, drilling machines and do the blasting) about 300 to 400 taborers from the forced labor camp (TNP) at Lesany are employed. These forced laborers dig ditches for canals, water conduits and water storage tanks. In order to finish construction within the time limit more political prisoners are to be transferred to the forced labor camp.
- Recurity: There are members of the criminal police among the workers to reep a close check on construction workers. Employees of the Czechoslovak



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Building Enterprise are not allowed to discuss the purpose or type of installation being built. In the vicinity of the forced labor camp at lesany is a training camp for the SNB commanded by SNB Staff Sgt. Kapitan; it has been in operation since the spring of 1950. Some schooling may be given in this training camp. The 320 young SNB members participate in military training in the surrounding area. They also guard the forced labor camp and its immates.

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Comment: Engineers from this firm make frequent inspections of the construction.

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